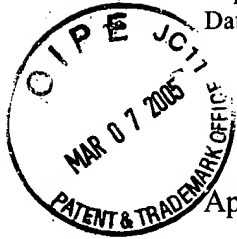


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Sir:

With regard to the Outstanding Office Action dated October 5, 2004, the time for responding having been extended two months by the enclosed Petition For Extension of Time, from January 5, 2005 to March 7, 2005 (March 5, 2005 being a Saturday), the Applicants respectfully request continued examination of the application by filing the enclosed Request for Continued Examination. Applicants present the following Amendment and Response:

Listing of the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.